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News Release

BRADENTON MAN ARRESTED ON CHILD SEX CHARGES

Tampa, FL - On Saturday morning, August 6, 2005, Harold Lynn Winslow, age 55, of Bradenton, Florida was arrested at the Tampa International Airport on charges that he was attempting to travel in foreign commerce for the purpose of engaging in illicit sexual conduct with an individual he believed had not attained the age of 18 years. Winslow made his first appearance in Tampa Federal Court yesterday before U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark A. Pizzo. If convicted Winslow faces a maximum sentence of 30 years' imprisonment.

According to the complaint, this investigation began when the Queensland Police Service in Australia contacted special agents of the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and made them aware of Winslow's desire to have sex with a six-year-old girl. An undercover officer in Australia, posing as someone who could put Winslow in contact with a young girl, established contact over the Internet with Winslow. Winslow made arrangements to fly to Australia on Saturday, August 6, 2005 to meet with the undercover officer. Just prior to boarding the plane Winslow was arrested.

This case was investigated by the Queensland, Australia, Police Service, ICE and the Manatee Country Sheriff's Office. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Colleen Murphy-Davis.

A complaint is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until proven guilty.

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